

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular Meeting TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD Wednesday, February 9, 2022 Remote Access Only

Call to Order

Chair Andy Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:00 am.

Attendance

Members Present:

City of Lacey	Andy Ryder, Chair
City of Olympia	Dani Madrone, Council member
City of Tenino	John O'Callahan, Council member
City of Tumwater	Peter Agabi, Council member
City of Yelm	Brian Hess, Council member
Intercity Transit	Don Melnick, Board member
Port of Olympia	Amy Evans, Commissioner
State Government	Kevin Dragon, DES Staff
Thurston County	Carolina Mejia, Commissioner
WSDOT	Gaius Sanoy, Staff
Business Rep	Renee Radcliff Sinclair
Emeritus Rep	Pete Kmet

Members Absent:

Nisqually Indian Tribe	Heidi Thomas, Staff
North Thurston Public Schools	Deanna Maddux, Staff
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation	Amy Loudermilk, Staff
City of Rainier	Ron Kemp, Council member
Community Rep	Kevin Pestinger
Community Rep	TBD

Staff Present:

Marc Daily, Executive Director
Veena Tabbutt, Deputy Director
Karen Parkhurst, Planning & Policy Director
Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant
Dave Read, IT Manager
Paul Brewster, Senior Planner
Katrina Van Every, Senior Planner
Allison Osterberg, Senior Planner
Dorinda Merrill, Office Specialist III

Others Present:

Sophie Stimson, City of Olympia
Jessica Gould, Intercity Transit
Rob LaFontaine, Intercity Transit
Mary Heather Ames, City of Tumwater
Matt Unzelman, Thurston County
Michelle Swanson, City of Olympia
Joseph Richardson, City of Yelm Council member

Agenda Item 1
INFORMATION

Introductions/Announcements/Updates

All present were introduced.

Agenda Item 2
INFORMATION

Executive Director’s Report & Announcements

Executive Director Marc Daily advised that Burlina Lucas will be in contact with new members to schedule an orientation with Marc to provide an overview of the work the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) and the Transportation Policy Board (TPB) does for the region.

Programs & Policy Director Karen Parkhurst provided a Legislative Update regarding a transportation package.

Agenda Item 3
ACTION

Approval of Agenda

Board member O’Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Madrone, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4
ACTION

Approval of Meeting Notes from January 12, 2022

Board member O’Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Kmet, to approve the meeting notes from January 12, 2022. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5

Public Comment

One member of the public provided public comment.

Agenda Item 6
ACTION

2022 Election of Officers

Chair Ryder asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. Board member O’Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Kmet, to nominate Chair Ryder to retain position as Chair. There were no other nominations.

Board member O’Callahan moved, seconded by Board member Kmet, to nominate Chair Ryder to retain position as Chair. Motion carried.

Chair Ryder asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair. Chair Ryder nominated Board member Madrone for position of Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

Chair Ryder nominated Board member Madrone for the position of Vice Chair. No second is needed for the election of officers. Motion carried.

Chair Ryder asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Second Vice Chair. Board member Kmet moved, seconded by Board member O’Callahan to nominate Board member Sinclair for position of Second Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

Board member Kmet moved, seconded by Board member O’Callahan, to nominate Board member Sinclair for the position of Second Vice Chair. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7
PRESENTATION

Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan Update

Senior Planner Allison Osterberg provided an update on the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. Thurston County, Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater partnered with TRPC to develop the plan which sets goals and identifies strategies and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Agenda Item 8
PRESENTATION

Transportation Priorities Survey – Process and Methods

Senior Planner Katrina Van Every provided an overview of the Transportation Priorities Survey – Process and Methods, which was conducted between June and November 2021. The survey looked at how TRPC can better incorporate equity into future projects, specifically for the Call for Projects process, understanding the impact of telework and changing commute patterns, and utilizing different methods for surveying and gathering data in the community.

Agenda Item 9
PRESENTATION

Call for Projects: Equity

Deputy Director Veena Tabbutt reviewed the draft Federal Funding Call for Projects – Equity process update and asked for the Policy Board's feedback. The goal of the process update is to:

- Provide a more direct tie to performance goals and targets.
- Provide a competitive process with clear and transparent project eligibility and evaluation criteria.
- Continue to position the region to meet obligation targets and be eligible for redistributed funding.

Agenda Item 10
BRIEFING

Outside Committee Reports

Council member Madrone provided a report on the last Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board meeting.

Agenda Item 11

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.



Andy Ryder, Chair

*Minutes prepared by Burlina Lucas, Administrative Assistant, Thurston Regional Planning Council.
These minutes are not verbatim. A recording of this meeting is available upon request.*